



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 552

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR MORBID OBESITY
AND PROSTHETIC DEVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2006, the
2 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
3 having cognizance of matters relating to insurance shall convene a
4 study group to conduct a study of the feasibility of requiring
5 individual and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for
6 (1) medically necessary expenses associated with the diagnosis and
7 treatment of morbid obesity, and (2) prosthetic devices.
- 8 (b) The study group shall consist of (1) the Insurance Commissioner,
9 (2) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
10 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11 relating to insurance, and (3) not more than eight members appointed
12 by said chairpersons. Said chairpersons shall chair the study group.
- 13 (c) Not later than January 1, 2007, the study group shall submit a
14 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
15 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
16 relating to insurance, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
17 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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LM *Joint Favorable Subst.*